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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: HERewith (January 30, 2004)
For: **Hydrostatic Stepless Transmission**
Inventor: Hideaki OKADA
Our Ref: 0666.2160000/TGD/MJM

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Hydrostatic Stepless Transmission

and naming as inventor:

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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A specification containing:
 - i. 27 pages of description prior to the claims
 - ii. 4 pages of claims (14 claims); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and

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- c. 16 sheets of drawings: (Figure(s) 1-16); and
3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
 4. Claim to Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d);
 5. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
 6. Forms PTO/SB/08A (1 page) and PTO/SB/08B (1 page);
 7. A copy of each document cited on Form PTO/SB/08A and Form PTO/SB/08A (5 documents); and
 8. Two (2) return postcards

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

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